

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed within three months of the Office Action outstanding, dated January 10, 2008. Claim 15 has been amended. Claims 25, 27, 28 and 30-33 have been canceled. No additional claim fee is required.

In the Office Action dated January 10, 2008, the Examiner stated that newly submitted claims 27, 28 and 30-33 are withdrawn from consideration. By this Amendment Applicant has canceled these claims.

In the Office Action dated January 10, 2008, the Examiner stated that claim 25 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. By this response Applicant has amended independent claim 15 to incorporate the limitations of dependent claim 25 and has canceled dependent claim 25. Accordingly, Applicant believes that independent claim 15, and corresponding dependent claims 17, 24 and 26, are in condition for allowance and Applicant respectfully requests the same.

In the Office Action dated January 10, 2008, the Examiner stated that claims 7-10, 21-23 and 29 are allowed.

Conclusion

All pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner should have any questions regarding this Amendment, a call to Applicant's counsel, Ms. Ingrid M. McTaggart at (503) 230-7934, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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